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By: **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Pilots – Limited Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the vessel draft for which individuals holding certain  
4 limited licenses may provide pilotage; making conforming changes relating to  
5 the requirements for demonstration of sufficient ability, skill, and experience  
6 and to license fees; and generally relating to the State Board of Pilots.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Business Occupations and Professions  
9 Section 11–403, 11–406, 11–407, and 11–408  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

15 11–403.

16 (a) To qualify for a limited license, an applicant shall be an individual who  
17 meets the requirements of this section.

18 (b) An applicant shall have trained as a pilot-in-training for at least 2 years.

19 (c) An applicant shall possess sufficient ability, skill, and experience for a  
20 ~~[28-foot-draft]~~ **32-FOOT-DRAFT** limited license, a ~~[34-foot-draft]~~ **36-FOOT-DRAFT**  
21 limited license, or a ~~[37-foot-draft]~~ **40-FOOT-DRAFT** limited license as determined  
22 by the Board through observation of the applicant's performance providing pilotage.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (d) An applicant shall meet any other requirements that the Board  
2 establishes.

3 11-406.

4 (a) If an applicant qualifies for a license under this subtitle, the Board shall  
5 send the applicant a notice that states that:

6 (1) the applicant has qualified for a license; and

7 (2) the Board will issue the appropriate license to an applicant on  
8 receipt of a license fee of:

9 (i) \$600 for an unlimited license;

10 (ii) \$300 for a [~~37-foot-draft~~] **40-FOOT-DRAFT** limited license;

11 (iii) \$300 for a [~~34-foot-draft~~] **36-FOOT-DRAFT** limited license;

12 or

13 (iv) \$200 for a [~~28-foot-draft~~] **32-FOOT-DRAFT** limited license.

14 (b) On payment of the license fee, the Board shall issue an appropriate  
15 license to each applicant who meets the requirements of this subtitle.

16 (c) The Board shall seal each license that the Board issues with its official  
17 seal.

18 11-407.

19 (a) While an unlimited license is in effect, it authorizes the licensee to  
20 provide pilotage for vessels of any draft.

21 (b) (1) While a [~~37-foot-draft~~] **40-FOOT-DRAFT** limited license is in  
22 effect, it authorizes the licensee to provide pilotage for vessels not exceeding  
23 [~~37-foot-draft~~] **40-FOOT-DRAFT**.

24 (2) While a [~~34-foot-draft~~] **36-FOOT-DRAFT** limited license is in  
25 effect, it authorizes the licensee to provide pilotage for vessels not exceeding  
26 [~~34-foot-draft~~] **36-FOOT-DRAFT**.

27 (3) While a [~~28-foot-draft~~] **32-FOOT-DRAFT** limited license is in  
28 effect, it authorizes the licensee to provide pilotage for vessels not exceeding  
29 [~~28-foot-draft~~] **32-FOOT-DRAFT**.

30 11-408.

1 (a) A license shall be effective for 2 years from the date it is issued.

2 (b) At least 1 month before a license expires, the Board shall mail to the  
3 licensee, at the last known address of the licensee:

4 (1) a renewal application form; and

5 (2) a notice that states:

6 (i) the date on which the current license expires;

7 (ii) the date by which the Board must receive the renewal  
8 application for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and

9 (iii) the amount of the renewal fee.

10 (c) Before a license expires, the licensee periodically may renew it for an  
11 additional 2-year term, if the licensee:

12 (1) otherwise is entitled to be licensed;

13 (2) pays to the Board a renewal fee of:

14 (i) \$600 for an unlimited license;

15 (ii) \$300 for a [~~37-foot-draft~~] **40-FOOT-DRAFT** limited license;

16 (iii) \$300 for a [~~34-foot-draft~~] **36-FOOT-DRAFT** limited license;

17 or

18 (iv) \$200 for a [~~28-foot-draft~~] **32-FOOT-DRAFT** limited license;

19 and

20 (3) submits to the Board a renewal application on the form that the  
21 Board provides.

22 (d) The Board shall renew the license of a licensee who meets the  
23 requirements of this section.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 October 1, 2010.